## **News Broadcast**

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#### Fun Facts:

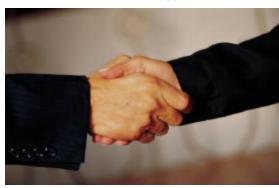
- Jim Morrison (of the 60's rock group The Doors) was the first rock star to be arrested on stage.
- The mother of Michael Nesbit of 'the Monkeys' invented liquid paper correction fluid
- Betsy Ross is the only real person to ever have been the head on a Pez dispenser
- Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts

### **Agreement Reached**

Financial Services reaches an agreement with Retirement Services. After four months, the Business Partnership

Agreement (BPA) documents have been signed.

The BPA's purpose is as follows; '...to create a shared understanding about the services provided by DMB-Financial Services and the expectations of Retirement Services and DMB-Financial Services.'



Financial Services and Retirement Services Partner Together in Business Agreement

The BPA will also help manage many areas, i.e., work loads, effective communication, and aid in the resolution of service problems that arise. "This (BPA) is viewed as a building block that will contribute to a long-term relationship between DMB-Financial Services

and Retirement Services." This excerpt from the BPA highlights the efforts that will be made for a smooth interface.

Both organizations have agreed to keep timely and manageable documents flowing between employees.

The BPA outlines the services and support that we will provide. Special requirements may be identified for each function

depending on the uniqueness of various services.

Congratulations Financial Services for all of your hard work and dedication towards these efforts..

### **Predictions by Howard Pizzo**

Predictions by Howard Pizzo of things to come yet this year.

Look for a very exciting comprehensive training plan for all employees in Financial Services coming from the Managers Team.

Look for a major initiative by the Managers Team to improve the internal communication of Financial Services in December.

Yet this month the DIT memorandum of understanding will be completed and staff for DIT Accounts Payable will be here soon.

In December after closing and the issuing of final financial reports our accountants attention will be focused on the new administration and the budget plan for the current year and the next budget year.

# Spooky Success

Ghosts, goblins, and critters galore! I hope that everyone enjoyed the Halloween Costume Contest as much as the Fun Team did.

Although everyone's costume's were wonderful, the judges were forced to make a decision. So here they are!

**Howard Pizzo** won, not only for his original idea as a prisoner for account fraud, but also in part for his acting he carried out all morning.



Next stop was the Mason building. With a slightly smaller office, the costumes were still abundant. Ginny Won-

> for her spooky garb and meanor!

sey took the prize silent de-



Last but not least, the GOB. Many people here had fun with their costumes, but there were two of them that exceeded all. Hand made with great detail, Ken Mitchell and Cindy Moerdyk tied for best dressed!

Again, we would like to thank all of you that participated and we look forward to seeing more costumes next year! Here are some more photos from the contest for you to look at.

Enjoy!



Cowgirl Ellis







# FS Ghouls and Guys. . .

Our special guest, Shaelynn Christmas, Doreen Brown's Granddaughter. She was just too adorable not to include in our newsletter



Doreen, Barb, Shannon, and Deb G



Tourist Extraordinaire (Ron doesn't get out much)



Yoga Witch Cindy Johnson





Erica Glampira (above)

Mini Pearl & Garth Brooks (Left)





Jude, Priscilla, Mary, Ginny, Howard, Natalie, & Denice



Oui, Oui! Dairus

### **Employee Highlights**

Meet Jamin Schroeder. Jamin has worked with DMB for four years now. He came to Financial Services from Retirement after the reorganization in January 2002.

Working for FS, Jamin works with cash deposits and contributions for non-central agencies. After attending LCC he obtained his Associated degree in accounting.

Jamin was born and raised in the Lansing area. He enjoys watching soccer on TV, and in his spare time enjoys playing golf and basketball.

For the past 11 years, Jamin has been a volunteer minister for the Holt Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Star Wars fanatic, and here is why: "I actually don't know. I have always liked Star Wars. I don't remember a time when I didn't like Star Wars. I can't count how many times I have seen the movies through out my life. I do know that it was the first movie my parents took me to as a baby. Maybe that explains why I like Star Wars so much."

\*Keep in mind that if you wish to be our next "Employee Highlight" we would love to hear from you! Please send and email to Erica Waltmire or call 373-6898



Needs

### **Welcome New Employees**

We would like to welcome everyone that has joined our staff as well as congratulating those FS employees who recently received promotions.

Corey Sparks, DIT Section Manager, came over from MAIN and OFM. He offers us many years of IT and accounting experience.

Cynthia Johnson, Management Services Section Manager, joining us from HAL and bringing along her expertise and high level of enthusiasm.

Ed Nierescher, DIT Accountant, has joined us from the Auditor General, and also possesses a diverse background in the private sector.

Debbie Brady, Accountant, has come from the private sector. Debbie was the Senior Accountant for Owosso Public Schools, and has expertise in Financial Analysis.

Operations has hired two new student employees. Sarah Quakenbush is working for Billings at the GOB and Stephanie Badgely is working for Accounts Payable at the Mason Building.

The recommended candidates have accepted new Departmental Analysts positions in Operations.

Denice Ballard has accepted the Analyst position in Procurement. Denice has been working with Natalie since January and accepted the additional responsibility that comes with this position. Denice has been with Financial Services for many years, coming to us from the Legislative Bureau.

Deb Braun has accepted the additional responsibility in Security Operations. Deb came to us from Retirement in the reorganization where she had worked as a departmental technician and lead worker.

### **Events Calendar**

Veteran's Day	November 11	No Work—Enjoy!
Social Event @ The Exchange	November 21	5:00—whenever!
Thanksgiving	November 28	Turkey all day
No Work	November 29	Sleep off the turkey



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